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Draft resolution submitted by the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Bruno van der Pluijm (Belgium), on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/57/L.27

Human Development Report

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 56/201 of 21 December 2001 on the triennial policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system,

Recalling also its resolution 49/123 of 19 December 1994 on the United Nations Development Programme and the *Human Development Report*,

Reaffirming decisions 94/15[1] of 10 June 1994 and 95/24[2] of 16 June 1995 of the Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and the United Nations Population Fund on the *Report*,

Recognizing that the United Nations Development Programme funds, publishes, launches and promotes the *Report* and disseminates it internationally,

Acknowledging that the *Report* is an important tool for raising awareness about human development around the world,

Recalling that the *Report* is the result of an independent intellectual exercise and that the policies governing the operational activities for development of the United Nations system will continue to be set by Member States,

1. *Affirms* that the *Human Development Report* is a separate and distinct exercise which is not an official document of the United Nations, and that the policies governing the operational activities for development of the United Nations system will continue to be set by Member States;

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[1] See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1994, Supplement No. 15* (E/1994/35/Rev.1).

[2] Ibid., *1995, Supplement No. 14* (E/1995/34).

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2. *Welcomes* decision 2002/18 of 27 September 2002 of the Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and the United Nations Population Fund on programming arrangements for the period 2004-2007, through which a fixed annual amount of regular resources was allocated to finance the Human Development Report Office;

3. *Reaffirms* decision 94/15[1] of the Executive Board, by which it welcomed the decision of the Administrator to improve the process of consultation with Member States and other relevant international bodies to refine the methodologies used in the *Report* with a view to improving its quality and accuracy without compromising its editorial independence;

4. *Also reaffirms* that the preparation of the *Report* should be undertaken in a neutral and transparent manner and in full and effective consultation with Member States and with due regard to the impartial nature and use of sources;

5. *Invites* the Executive Board to include in its annual work plan as of 2003 a separate agenda item on the *Report* to improve the consultation process with Member States regarding the *Report* with a view to improving its quality and accuracy without compromising its editorial independence and to ensure the full implementation of the present resolution;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that the implementation of the present resolution is reported to the General Assembly at its fifty-eighth session within the context of the relevant section of the report of the Economic and Social Council.